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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

The Nativity of the Lord

*“All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving
pow’r of God.”
Psalm 98*

*“Los confines de la tierra
han contemplado
la victoria de
nuestro Dios.”
Salmo 98*



*“Today is born
our Savior,
Christ the Lord.”
Salmo 96*

*“Hoy nos ha
nacido un Salvador:
el Mesías, el Señor.”
Salmo 96*

La Natividad del Señor

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30AM
Tuesday, 5:30PM & Thursday, 7:30AM
Saturday, 4:30PM English
6:30PM Spanish
Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM
All Masses are live streamed.

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, 3:15-4:10PM
Sunday, 9:00-9:50AM

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00PM **NO 12/26**
Tuesday, 4:15-5:15PM
Friday, 9:00-10:00AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, 9:00AM-Noon

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-5:00PM
Saturday, 10:00AM-6:00PM
Sunday, 7:00-11:00AM

Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15-4:10PM
y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-4:00PM
Martes 4:15-5:25PM
Viernes 9:00-10:00AM

**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022**

**La Natividad del Señor
25 de diciembre de 2022**

by Fr. Bart Timmerman



The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

It is my joy to extend Christmas blessings and best wishes to each of you and your families at the great feast of the Lord's Nativity. This year is my tenth Christmas with you! It is with great sentiments of love and respect for you that I will ascend the Altar of God and offer the Christmas Mass with and for each of you on this solemn feast. I thank God for your presence at our Christmas Masses in person or via live stream. With the great number attending our Christmas Masses, we look so numerous, so unified, so strong, and so faithful. It is so good to be together for Christmas this year!

The incarnation of God becoming man in the womb of the Virgin Mary and then being born a baby in the manger in Bethlehem reminds us of the truth that, "God is Love." It is the Love of God alone that brings hope to you and me in this world where people have suffered and continue to recover from the recent health pandemic, while so many continue to suffer from illness, violence, and division. God's love is powerful. It can dismantle the structures of hatred and sin. It can build communities of compassion, healing, humility, forgiveness, non-violence and justice. This happens through our sharing what God has given to us—His love through the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May He be born in you and me again this holy Christmas day!

The Parish Staff and I sincerely thank you for your love of those in need, your financial and prayerful support of our parish mission, and your dedication to the sacramental life of the Church during this unprecedented time. We wish you a merry Christmas! Thank you to all who have worked so diligently to prepare for our Christmas Masses especially our staff, musicians, cantors, decorators, liturgical ministers, live stream volunteers, and all who participated in our Advent journey by participating in our Masses in person or via live stream and by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May all who join in our Christmas Masses this year be touched by the love of God and the miracle of the Incarnation. Thank you again for making Sundays special and remaining connected to Sunday Mass. Your involvement in our parish family proclaims the birth of Jesus and keeps Christmas in our hearts all through the year by spreading God's love in our families, in our parish, in our community, and, yes, even to the whole world!

¡Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor!

Es para mí una gran alegría extender las bendiciones navideñas y los mejores deseos a cada uno de ustedes y a sus familias en la gran fiesta de la Natividad del Señor. Este año es mi décima Navidad con ustedes! Es con un gran sentimiento de amor y respeto hacia ustedes que subiré al Altar de Dios y ofreceré la Misa de Navidad con y por cada uno de ustedes en esta fiesta solemne. Doy gracias a Dios por su presencia en nuestras Misas de Navidad en persona o a través de la transmisión en directo. Con el gran número de asistentes a nuestras Misas de Navidad, nos vemos tan numerosos, tan unidos, tan fuertes y tan fieles. ¡Es tan bueno estar juntos en Navidad este año!

La encarnación de Dios haciéndose hombre en el vientre de la Virgen María y luego naciendo como bebé en el pesebre de Belén nos recuerda la verdad de que "Dios es Amor". Sólo el amor de Dios nos trae esperanza a ti y a mí en este mundo en el que la gente ha sufrido y sigue recuperándose de la reciente pandemia, mientras tantos siguen padeciendo enfermedades, violencia y división. El amor de Dios es poderoso. Puede dismantelar las estructuras del odio y del pecado. Puede construir comunidades de compasión, sanación, humildad, perdón, no violencia y justicia. Esto sucede cuando compartimos lo que Dios nos ha dado: Su amor a través del nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo, el Príncipe de la Paz. Que Él nazca de nuevo en ti y en mí en este santo día de Navidad!

El personal de la parroquia y yo les agradecemos sinceramente por su amor a los necesitados, su apoyo financiero y de oración a nuestra misión parroquial, y su dedicación a la Vida Sacramental de la Iglesia durante este tiempo sin precedentes y les deseamos una Feliz Navidad! Gracias a todos los que han trabajado tan diligentemente para preparar nuestras Misas de Navidad, especialmente a nuestro personal, músicos, cantores, decoradores, ministros litúrgicos, voluntarios de la transmisión en vivo, y a todos los que participaron de nuestra travesía de Adviento participando en nuestras Misas en persona o a través de la transmisión en vivo y celebrando el Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Que todos los que participen en nuestras Misas de Navidad este año sean tocados por el amor de Dios y el milagro de la Encarnación. Gracias de nuevo por hacer los Domingos especiales y por permanecer conectados a la Misa dominical. Su participación en nuestra familia parroquial proclama el nacimiento de Jesús y mantiene la Navidad en nuestros corazones durante todo el año, difundiendo el amor de Dios en nuestras familias, en nuestra parroquia, en nuestra comunidad, y sí, ¡incluso en todo el mundo!

Welcome "Home" for Christmas!

Bienvenido a "Casa" por Navidad!

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Lots of folks come home for Christmas, "home" meaning Church as well as to their families. The warmth of family, the wonder of snow, the softness of colored lights, the Christmas feast, the excitement of gift-giving and the nativity scene are effective preachers of what the birth of Jesus means. Whether you are with us every week at Mass or you are here with us for the first time in a while, we are so happy we could be together today to see the goodness of the Lord at this Christmas celebration. The goal of our Christmas liturgies at our parish is to instill hope in the lives of our parishioners, instill a desire in each one present to know more about our precious Savior, and ultimately to inspire each of us to be more like Jesus every day of our lives. So "Welcome Home" everyone, to our Holy Communion. May our Holy Communion grow stronger as we live out this great mystery of our dear Savior's birth each day of our lives.

Mucha gente vuelve a casa por Navidad, entendiendo por "casa" tanto la Iglesia como sus familias. El calor de la familia, la maravilla de la nieve, la suavidad de las luces de colores, la fiesta de Navidad, la emoción de dar regalos y escena de la Natividad son "predicadores" efectivos de lo que significa el nacimiento de Jesús. Tanto si estás con nosotros cada semana en Misa, como si es la primera vez que estás aquí con nosotros, estamos muy contentos de hoy poder estar juntos para ver la bondad del Señor en esta celebración de la Navidad. El objetivo de nuestras liturgias de Navidad en nuestra parroquia es infundir esperanza en las vidas de nuestros feligreses, inculcar el deseo en cada uno de los presentes de saber más acerca de nuestro Salvador adorado, y por último, inspirarnos a ser más como Jesús cada día de nuestras vidas. Todos sean "Bienvenidos a Casa", a nuestra Santa Comunión. Que nuestra Santa Comunión se fortalezca a medida que vivimos este gran misterio del nacimiento de nuestro querido Salvador cada día de nuestras vidas.

Prayer for Our Family

(adapted from a prayer by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

"Heavenly Father,
you have given us the model of life
in the Holy Family of Nazareth
where love, peace, and joy reign.
May we love one another
as God loves each one of us
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.
Help us, O loving Father,
to take whatever you give
and give whatever you take
with a big smile."



Oración por Nuestra Familia

(Adaptada de una oración por Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta)

"Padre celestial,
tú nos has dado el modelo de vida
de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
donde reinan el amor, la paz y la alegría.
Permite que nos amemos los unos
a los otros como Dios nos ama a cada uno
de nosotros, cada día más,
y que perdonemos las faltas de los demás
como tú perdonas nuestros pecados.
Oh Padre amoroso,
ayúdanos a aceptar todo lo que nos des
y a dar todo lo que nos quites
con una gran sonrisa."

Luke House Food Donations
due Wednesday,
December 28th by 9:00 AM

OFFICES CLOSED

December 23 at NOON
December 26 ALL DAY
January 2 ALL DAY

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el 23 de diciembre a las 12PM
el 26 de diciembre
el 2 de enero de 2023

16-DAY PILGRIMAGE

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2023
9/22 - 10/7

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Celebrating the Christmas Season

Celebrando el Tiempo de Navidad

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Do you wish that that the joy and goodwill of Christmas Day would last longer? It can and, according to Catholic tradition, it does! Our Season of Christmas lasts through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year lands on Monday, January 9, 2023. Let's make each day special and keep the joy of Christmas alive. Here are the highlights of the liturgical celebrations of the Christmas Season:

Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30

The Feast of The Holy Family celebrates the sanctity of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph), but also celebrates the family unit. Usually, it is observed on the Sunday after Christmas, but when Christmas falls on a Sunday, like this year, then it's observed on December 30th instead. **We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on Friday, December 30 at our 8:30 a.m. Mass.** It is a good day to come to Mass to pray for our family and reflect on our own family life. It's a day on which people can think about how they can strengthen communication between all family members and how to heal past wounds. It's also a day on which people can reflect on the virtue of their family in comparison with the Holy Family.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat., Dec. 31, 2022, and Sun., Jan. 1, 2023

This is a **holy day of obligation**. We will honor our Blessed Mother at our regular weekend Mass times.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday and Sunday January 7 & 8, 2023

Traditionally observed on January 6, however this feast in the U.S.A. falls on the Sunday between January 2-8 and commemorates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. We will celebrate with our regular weekend Mass schedule.

An Epiphany Celebration of

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 8th

at 1:00PM

Our parish choirs will share songs of Christ's coming.

We will sing together the Carols of Christmas.

We will hear again the Proclamation of Christ's Birth, and the stories of the Incarnation, Christmas, and Epiphany.

We will pray for all people throughout the world.

A simple reception will follow our prayer.

This event is open to the public. All are Welcome!

¿Le gustaría que la alegría y la buena voluntad del día de Navidad durara más tiempo? Si se puede, y según la tradición católica, así es! Nuestro Tiempo de Navidad dura hasta la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, que este año se celebra el lunes 9 de enero de 2023. Hagamos que cada día sea especial y mantengamos viva la alegría de la Navidad. He aquí los momentos más destacados de las celebraciones litúrgicas del Tiempo de Navidad:

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Viernes 30 de diciembre

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia celebra la santidad de la Sagrada Familia (Jesús, María y José), pero también se celebra la unidad familiar. Normalmente, se celebra el domingo después de Navidad, pero cuando la Navidad es en domingo, como este año, se celebra el 30 de diciembre. Celebraremos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia el viernes 30 de diciembre en nuestra Misa de las 8:30 de la mañana. Es un buen día para asistir a Misa y rezar por nuestra familia y reflexionar sobre nuestra propia vida familiar. Es un día en el que se puede reflexionar en cómo reforzar la comunicación entre todos los miembros de la familia y cómo curar las heridas del pasado. También es un día para reflexionar sobre la virtud su familia en comparación con la Sagrada Familia.

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios

Sábado 31 de diciembre y domingo 1 de enero

Este es un día de precepto. Honraremos a nuestra Santísima Madre en nuestras Misas regulares de fin de semana.

Fiesta de la Epifanía

sábado 7 y domingo 8 de enero de 2023

Tradicionalmente observada el 6 de enero, sin embargo esta fiesta en los EE.UU. se celebra en el domingo entre el 2 y el 8 de enero y conmemora la llegada de los Reyes Magos. Lo celebraremos con nuestro horario habitual de Misas de fin de semana.

Care for Creation

Reflect, Renew and Act

"The infancy of Jesus—in Mary's lap, on her knees as on His Throne, while the rolling earth adorned with mountains, trees and flowers is the throne of Mary and her blessed infant caressing, playing in her arms."

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Have a blessed Christmas, rejoicing in the birth of the Christ Child and the beauty of God's creation.

The Care for Creation Team

End of Year Giving & Statements

Última Colecta Dominical del Año

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

End of the Calendar Year Giving

The last regular Sunday offertory collection of the year will be this weekend December 24 and 25. Interestingly, due to Christmas falling on a weekend this year, we are missing one Sunday Collection in 2022 compared to other years. I am confident that as a parish family, we will all do our best to help our parish meet our financial commitments. If you are able, this is the time to complete your pledge you made last year. To take advantage of a tax deduction for all 2022 contributions, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- All hand-delivered 2022 contributions must be received in the parish office **no later than noon on Friday, December 30, 2022.**
- All mailed 2022 contributions must be **post-marked by December 31, 2022.**
- If you would like to give electronically by credit/debit card or via PayPal, please contact Julia Hix (608-821-4867), in the parish office **no later than noon on Friday, December 30, 2022.**

The final autopayment of 2022 (ACH Bank/Direct Deposit & Credit Card) will be transferred on **December 27, 2022.** Our autopayment schedule will continue in 2023 to be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. No re-enrollment in 2023 for this program is necessary.

If you have any questions about how you can make your gift to the parish, or any question regarding your pledge balance, please contact Julia Hix, Business Manager, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Friday or email julia@stamadison.org. Thank you so much for all of your great generosity towards our STA Parish!

2022 Statements of Giving

As 2022 comes to a close, we want to thank you for your continued financial support of our parish. Your gifts have helped our parish to thrive and provided the material resources needed to fund our ministries and our mission to be a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live. In January 2023, financial contributors will receive a mailed statement of all identifiable 2022 contributions.

If your mailing address has changed this year and you have not yet let us know, please contact the parish office: 608-833-2600 or parish@stamadison.org.

Letters will be mailed to the address we have on record. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Hix, Business Manager: 608-821-4867 or julia@stamadison.org.

Última Colecta Dominical del Año

La última colecta dominical del año regular será este fin de semana de Navidad, 24 y 25 de diciembre. Curiosamente, debido a que la Navidad se celebra en fin de semana este año, nos faltara una colecta dominical en 2022 en comparación con otros años. Confío en que como familia parroquial, todos haremos lo posible para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a cumplir con nuestros compromisos financieros. Si usted puede, este es el momento de completar su promesa que hizo el año pasado. Para aprovechar una deducción de impuestos para todas las contribuciones de 2022, se ofrecen las siguientes instrucciones:

- Todas las contribuciones de 2022 entregadas en mano deben ser recibidas en la oficina de la parroquia no más tarde del mediodía del viernes, **30 de diciembre de 2022.**
- Todas las contribuciones de 2022 enviadas por correo deben ser mataselladas antes **del 31 de diciembre de 2022.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de cómo usted puede hacer su donación a la parroquia, o cualquier pregunta con respecto a su balance de la promesa, por favor llame a Julia Hix en nuestra oficina parroquial entre las 9:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes. ¡Muchas gracias por su gran generosidad hacia nuestra Parroquia STA!



#GIVING Thank You!

TUESDAY The total of the #Giving Tuesday campaign is **\$30,375.27!** Thanks to all our contributors and our four anonymous donors for their matching gifts! Every year, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is a day when people all across the country remember to think and act charitably by supporting their favorite organizations. Your Giving Tuesday 2022 donations will go to our *Outreach Fund* which supports our SVdP Conference, Catholic Multicultural Center, Lussier Community Center, helps fill our Christmas Food Baskets and much more. You have made a huge difference in the lives of many! God Bless you all!

Knights of Columbus

Still looking for a way to give back this holiday season? Please consider joining us at kofc.org/join. On behalf of Our Lady of Lakes Council 4527, may you and your family have a blessed Christmas.



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¡Feliz Navidad a todos!



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*Merry Christmas from
the St. Thomas Aquinas Staff!*



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el cual es una página de web que ofrece cientos de recursos en inglés y en español
para aprender, disfrutar, y descansar en el conocimiento de la fe.**

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The Game Plan



Alpha Is Coming Back!!!! What is Alpha?



In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha offers content and guidance for churches, ministries, and individuals to create a space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome and no questions are off limits. Alpha is by the Church, for the Church, and through the Church, but it is run worldwide in many settings—homes, cafés, restaurants, prisons, and more. Increasingly, Alpha is being embraced by organizations and people looking to create a safe space for conversations about faith. Creating these spaces for honest, open, and judgment-free conversations for anyone to explore the Christian faith is so important to us here at STA. Please join us for Alpha! We will be offering Alpha here at church once a week on Monday evenings beginning February 13, 2023. The Alpha Course will run for 12 weeks and includes a meal, fellowship, engaging video, and space for conversation about faith. Invite a friend to come with you. Contact Jenny for more information: 608.833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org.

January Events

“Come Let Us Adore Him” 1/6, 6:30PM

Sometimes it's good to just be, and to carve out time to simply sit with the one you love and who loves you back. That's Adoration – quietly being with Jesus, who is present in the Holy Eucharist. Join us in the prayer chapel for an hour of candle-lit prayer, reflective music, and the space and permission to just be with the Lord in Adoration. Please join us on **Friday, January 6th at 7:00 PM for Eucharistic Adoration by candlelight.** We will gather in the chapel for an hour of adoration, prayer, song, and worship. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, not only two thousand years ago, but every day in our hearts!

De-Escalation Training 1/10 at 6-8PM

On Tuesday, January 10, the Dane County Sheriff's office will present techniques in dealing with people who are upset or angry. This is a good skill to have. We will be meeting in social hall B & C from 6-8PM. Please contact Holly Irving if you plan to attend.

Illuminate: “We Can All Be Saints” Thursday, 1/26 at 6:30PM



Gracie Morbitzer reimagines saints as everyday humans... because that is exactly what they were. They were spunky, terrified, rebellious, loving, ambitious, counter-cultural, outcasts and sinners, who with God's grace, reached beyond themselves. In her icons, she portrays saints with their correct ethnicities to show the Church's widespread, though sometimes hidden, diversity. She gives each saint a personality and a human expression, with a modern twist. You can find Gracie's work at themodernsaints.com.

Save the Date - The Annual Spaghetti Dinner Returns!

Join us to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas on **Saturday, January 28th after the 4:30 PM bilingual Mass.** More details to be shared soon. Email Judy in the parish office with any questions: judy@stamadison.org.



NO Faith Formation

December 20, 2022

- January 7, 2023

Classes begin again on

January 8: Youth Ministry

January 10 & 11

Elementary (Tues & Wed)

& Middle School (Wed)

Catechesis

20 de diciembre al 7 de enero:

NO hay clases de catequesis,
reuniones para formación escuela
intermedia ni ministerio juvenil

8 de enero: Regreso de
reuniones ministerio juvenil

10 de enero: Regreso de catequesis
escuela primaria (martes)

11 de enero: Regreso de catequesis
escuela primaria (miércoles) y
reuniones para formación escuela
intermedia

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



John 1:1-18

A Blessed Christmas to you all! A rare opportunity for me as I write this Gospel Reflection – I have the choice of 4 readings! I guess that is my Christmas present.

I decided to reflect upon this familiar line from the Gospel of John which is used for Mass during the day on Christmas: “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” In particular, I want to examine the last part, “made his dwelling among us.” It would be easy to look at that and think, well yeah, Jesus, both God and Man, was born and lived amongst humans. But John was saying something more. The term he used for “made his dwelling” literally means “pitched his tent” – he pitched his tent among us. This refers back to the Old Testament when the Israelites were wandering in the desert – wherever they camped, God “pitched his tent” among them. It was a sign that wherever they went, their God went with them, becoming a part of their everyday life – their journeys, joys, struggles and sorrows. And it is the same with Jesus, he pitches his tent with us, not just on Christmas, but every day. He travels with us wherever we go, literally or figuratively. As the celebration of Christ's arrival in history fades away, let us keep in mind that each and every day he pitches his tent anew in the midst of our lives.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Joseph and Lucille Devine ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

9:00 PM Nora Collins ☩

Sunday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Margaret Petron ☩

10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Siegert/King Family

Monday, December 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr

8:30 AM Vanessa & Fabiola Hernandez

Tuesday, December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

5:30 PM Janet Fuhrman ☩

Wednesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 AM David Peterson ☩

Thursday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 AM Catherine Alexander

Friday, December 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 AM Timothy Kinney ☩

Saturday, December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

4:30 PM Monica Avery ☩

6:30 PM Armando Villareal ☩

Sunday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Sunny Bastain ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru December	\$1,337,500	\$407,347
2022 TOTALS	\$1,345,667	\$439,683
12/4/2022	\$30,622	\$6,454
Immaculate Conception 12/8	\$11,720	\$16,878
12/11/2022	\$14,816	\$14,555
12/18/2022		
12/25/2022		
December Totals	\$57,158	\$37,887
December GOAL	\$184,500	\$21,000

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES, THE OFFERTORY NUMBERS DO NOT REFLECT THE MOST RECENT WEEKEND.

Counter Schedule

Tuesday, December 27:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Tuesday, January 3:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

SCAM Alert

Scam Alerts - Reminder!

As we approach the holiday season, please remember that Fr. Bart (or any clergy) will not call, text, or email you with gift card or money transfer solicitation requests. If you receive a message request like this, delete & block the contact! Do not click any links or open any message attachments—messages like these are scams! Please feel free to call the parish office if you want to double check on a request you may receive.

Prayers

December 25th

The Nativity of Our Lord

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May the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ awaken in our hearts wonder at the precious gift of every child;

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